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In re Application of: Lal et al.

Title: PROSTATE GROWTH-ASSOCIATED MEMBRANE PROTEINS

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181
TO REOPEN PROSECUTION

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Sir:

This is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 to reopen prosecution of the subject application. A new ground of rejection was set forth in the Examiner's Answer and, therefore, prosecution of the subject application should be reopened.

Appellants filed a Brief on Appeal in the subject application on August 15, 2001. An Examiner's Answer in response to that Brief was mailed December 7, 2001.

A new ground of rejection was included in the Examiner's Answer mailed March 14, 2001. See page 6, lines 11-14 of the Examiner's Answer. In particular, claims 1, 2, 21, 22 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, based on the allegation that the subject matter "was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention."

There was no mention of a rejection on this ground in either the Advisory Action of July 18, 2001; the Final Office Action of February 9, 2001; the Office Action of August 16, 2000; or the Office Action of February 22, 2000 (the first action on the merits). It is improper to enter a new ground of rejection in an Examiner's Answer. M.P.E.P. § 1208.01.

Accordingly, prosecution should be reopened in the subject application, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants believe that no fee is due with this communication. However, if the USPTO determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 09-0108.

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Respectfully submitted,
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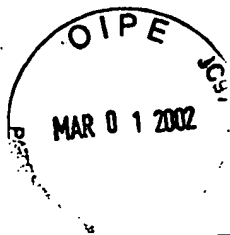
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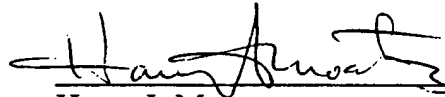
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